

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: **Masao WASHIZU et al.**

Serial No.: **Not Yet Assigned**

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For: **ELECTRODE FOR DIELECTROPHORETIC APPARATUS,  
DIELECTROPHORETIC APPARATUS, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING  
THE SAME, AND METHOD FOR SEPARATING SUBSTANCES USING THE  
ELECTRODE OR DIELECTROPHORETIC APPARATUS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 13, 2001

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

14. (Amended) A dielectrophoretic apparatus comprising the electrode for a dielectrophoretic apparatus of claim 1.

Please add the following new claim:

--29. A dielectrophoretic apparatus comprising the electrode construction for a dielectrophoretic apparatus of claim 11.--

REMARKS

The above amendment is believed to place the claims in proper condition for examination.  
Early and favorable action is awaited.

Claim 14 has been amended and claim 29 has been added.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

In the event there are any additional fees required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES NAME

Claim 14 has been amended as follows:

14. (Amended) A dielectrophoretic apparatus comprising the electrode for a dielectrophoretic apparatus of claim 1 [or the electrode construction for a dielectrophoretic apparatus of claim 11].